

## **“Seizing a God Moment”**

1 Samuel 14:1-14

Big idea: Those who seize the divine moment embrace uncertainty, die to themselves, and take initiative to act for God until He stops them.

Jonathan was the kind of man that seized a God moment.

Characteristics of people who seize a God moment.

1. They know that they \_\_\_\_\_ know.

Principle: Most people know what God wants them to do but pray for God to change the \_\_\_\_\_ of their behavior.

Principle: Many Christians believe that God’s will \_\_\_\_\_ leads to safety and success.

“I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea. I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.” 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Principle: People who seize the divine moment \_\_\_\_\_ the danger and uncertainty of obeying God.

2. They know they won’t live until they \_\_\_\_\_.

“For whoever wants to save His life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.” Luke 9:24

Principle: Christians must die to themselves in order to fear \_\_\_\_\_ but God.

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” John 12:23-26

Principle: Christians can die to themselves by taking a step of faith that forces them past the point of no \_\_\_\_\_.

3. They will go until they get a \_\_\_\_\_.

Principle: Many Christians believe they shouldn’t attempt something for God unless he \_\_\_\_\_ calls them.

Principle: Christians must realize that God is with us and move forward to do His work until He \_\_\_\_\_ or redirects us.

Principle: God moments are right in front of us all, and we can live a full life for God by seizing them and doing what Jesus would do.